

**County Council Meeting**  
**June 16, 2015**

**Present: Steve Winsett, Blake Bunner, Todd Ruxer, Bill Spaetti, Jack Kroeger, Dave Kress, Attorney John Wetherill, Auditor Autumn Winkler**

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5:00 P.M.

**Minutes**

Winsett made a motion to approve the minutes from May 19, 2015. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Additional Appropriations**

**Probation User Fees**

**Office Equipment** **\$2253.00**

Judge Dartt came before the Council to request an additional appropriation from the Probation User Fee Fund to purchase a new printer for the probation office. Kress made a motion to approve the additional appropriation for \$2253.00 to purchase a printer. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Dale Police Dept.** **\$1500.00**

Dartt requested an additional appropriation for \$1500.00 to assist with purchasing a new K-9 for the Town of Dale. The judge and prosecutor usually assist with the purchase of a K-9 for different cities and towns as long as the K-9 will be available for probation use. Bunner made a motion to approve the \$1500.00 additional for the Dale Police Dept K-9. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Pauper Attorney** **\$33,295.86**

Dartt explained to the council that this money is reimbursed from the state and he is requesting it be appropriated back for payment of bills. Kress made a motion to approve the \$33,295.86 additional for Pauper Attorney. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Abatements**

Automated Routing

Francis Lueken and owner Barry Schaefer came before the council to update them on the progress of Automated Routing and to present their CF-1 for approval. Ruxer made a motion to approve the annual CF-1 for Automated Routing. Winsett seconded the motion, motion was approved.

M & DH

Francis Lueken and owner Mark Hagedorn came before the council to present the annual CF-1 and to give an update on the growth of M & DH. Kroeger made a motion to approve the CF-1 for M & DH. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**Hoosier Energy-Chuck Martindale**

Tom Utter and Chuck Martindale came to make a presentation on a Solar Energy program run by Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Hoosier Energy is doing research on locations that would be a good fit for this type of energy program. Spencer County has been chosen as one of the possible locations and Mr. Martindale wanted to inform the council of what this program is and the benefits from it being housed in Spencer County. One request that Hoosier Energy has is that they be granted an abatement and be designated as an (ERA) Economic Revitalization Area. Martindale presented a resolution for council approval that would designate the property chosen as an ERA, if they choose to proceed with building here. Kroeger made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-05, designating a portion of Spencer County, Indiana, as an Economic Revitalization Area and approving an abatement for Hoosier Energy Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. Benton seconded the motion, motion was approved.

**OCRA Grant – Lisa Gehlhausen**

Gehlhausen informed the council of the progress with the OCRA Grant application and stated what documents were needed to complete the application process. The Board of Commissioners is applying for an OCRA Grant to assist with the disposal of the Old Jail building in an effort to clean up the property. Gehlhausen needs a resolution from the council stating the agreed upon local match and what funds that match will come from. Attorney Wetherill has drafted a resolution stating the local match of \$39,900.00 and that those funds would be paid from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Wetherill presented Resolution 2015-04 and the letter of support for council approval. Kroeger made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-04 for \$39,900.00 to come from the Cumulative Capital Development Fund. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved. Benton made a motion to approve the letter of support for the OCRA Grant from the county council to be signed by President Bill Spaetti. Bunner seconded the motion, motion was approved.

Benton made a motion to adjourn. Ruxer seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

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Auditor, Autumn Winkler

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